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Subject: Plainwell Mill Property, Plainwell, Michigan
April- May 2008 Progress Report

Dear Sam:

As required by Task 8, *Progress Reports*, in the Statement of Work for the RI/FS at the Plainwell Inc., Mill Property, I am submitting the attached progress report for the period from April 19, through May 20, 2008, for the above-referenced site.

Please call me, at (253) 924-3746, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Weyerhaeuser Company

Jennifer Hale
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Attachments

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Progress Report No. 20
April 19, 2008, through May 20, 2008
Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study
Plainwell, Inc., Mill Property, Plainwell, Michigan

This progress report is being submitted in accordance with Task 8, *Progress Reports*, and the *Schedule for Major Deliverables* contained in the Statement of Work for the RI/FS at the Plainwell, Inc., Mill Property.

1. Operable Unit 7 – Plainwell Mill Site

Summary of Activities Undertaken in Support of the Community Relations Plan (completed during the current reporting period and anticipated during the next period):

- Weyerhaeuser assisted the City of Plainwell in preparing material for the national Brownfields Conference regarding the Mill property.

Summary of Any Modifications to the Work Plans or Other Schedules Proposed To, or Approved By, the USEPA:

- Weyerhaeuser is awaiting comments from the USEPA and MDEQ on the RI/FS work plan.
- Activities associated with the RI/FS addendum #1 included
 - Review of building plans, aerial photographs and other historical documents.
 - A geophysical survey was performed between the mill and the Kalamazoo River. Results are being reviewed to identify areas requiring additional investigation.

2. Operable Unit 5 – Plainwell Mill Banks - Kalamazoo River

Activities performed as part of the Emergency Action during the current reporting period included:

- We were informed by the USEPA that stockpiled material at the site would require Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) staff review and approvals prior to disposal. Weyerhaeuser does not agree with this interpretation of the rule and asked the USEPA to review the matter internally. Based on the delay in removal from the site, the material was covered with plastic to minimize water infiltration and control dust.
- The two dumpsters containing segregated material are also covered awaiting disposal decision.
- Construction equipment was demobilized from site awaiting disposal decision. Equipment still remaining on site includes;
 - Storage tank for excess water from containment pad
 - Water treatment system
 - Jobsite trailer and generator
 - Safety equipment within trailer
 - Portable toilet
 - Equipment for truck decontamination
- No activities are presently ongoing, other than security inspections twice per week.
- On May 19 (resent May 23), an email was sent to USEPA requesting confirmation that the segregated sediments may be temporarily stored in the lined and covered dumpsters and lined

storage pad with a plastic cover until this issue is resolved. Due to the condition that off-site transportation of the dumpster would be very difficult at this time since all of the construction equipment has been demobilized from the Mill site and the current container is not DOT approved for transportation.

Summary of Data Collected During the Current Reporting Period:

- No additional data has been collected over this reporting period.

Summary of Problems Encountered During the Current Reporting Period:

- No problems were encountered.

Summary and Schedule of Work Anticipated During the Next Reporting Period:

- Disposal of the material within the containment pad.
- Disposal of the segregated material within the two dumpsters.
- Remobilization and demobilization of equipment and personnel from the site.
- Identify areas potentially requiring additional investigation associated with the work plan addendum described above.
- Begin preparation of the documentation report for the emergency action.

Anticipated Problems Associated with Work During the Next Period:

- None.

Planned Resolution of Past or Anticipated Problems:

- Decision on disposal of materials.

Other Relevant Information:

- None.